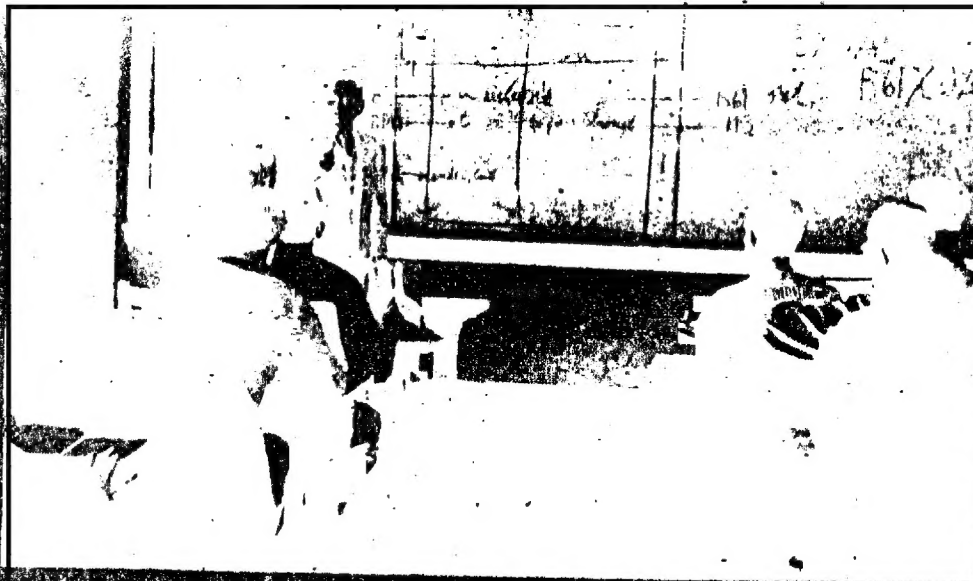


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## You Ought to Learn Russian

The author calls the Russian language a "pipeline to Soviet research," yet reports that only 165 American colleges teach Russian to 8000 students, while 10 million Russians are mastering English. Mr. Ornstein is an Associate Professor in the U. S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

IN 1950, AN ARTICLE on the application of Boolean matrix algebra in relay-contact networks appeared in the *Bulletin of the Soviet Academy of Sciences*. So few American scientists are able to read Russian that it went unnoticed until 1955. A member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty has estimated that this oversight must have cost us at least \$200 million in valuable research.

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